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# Interstate Mining Compact Commission

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Department fact sheet

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## **Statute/Authority**

Statute 444.400

## **Number of Members**

20

## **Number of Members Appointed by the Governor**

1 and an alternate.

## **Is Senate Confirmation Required?**

No

## **Membership Composition**

The commission includes a representative from each state that is a member. There are currently 17 member states and three associate member states. The member states are Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. The associate member states are New Mexico, New York and North Dakota. For Missouri the Department of Natural Resources Director is the member, and the Staff Director of the Land Reclamation Commission is the alternate.

## **Terms**

Each state is a member until the legislation enacted is repealed.

## **Political Affiliation**

None.

## **Compensation**

None.

## **Geographic Consideration**

The member that represents Missouri must be a resident of Missouri.

## **Responsibilities of the Commission/Members**

The IMCC shall have power to: 1. Study mining operations, processes and techniques for the effects of such on land, soil, water, air, plant and animal life, recreation, and patterns of community or regional development or change. 2. Study the conservation, adaptation, improvement and restoration of land and resources affected by mining. 3. Make recommendations concerning any aspects of law or practice and governmental administration within the purview of this compact. 4. Gather and disseminate information. 5. Cooperate with the



federal government and any public or private entities. 6. Consult with the officials of such State in respect to any problem. 7. Study and make recommendations with respect to any practice, process, techniques, or course of action that may improve the efficiency of mining or the economic yield from mining operations. 8. Study and make recommendations relating to the safeguarding of access to resources which are the subject of mining operations to the end that the economy for the products of mining may not be adversely affected by unplanned or inappropriate use of land and other resources containing minerals.

Each party State agrees that within a reasonable time, it will formulate and establish an effective program for the conservation and use of mined land, by the establishment of standards, enactment of laws, or the continuing of the same in force, to accomplish: 1. The protection of the public and the protection of adjoining and other landowners from damage to their lands and the structures and other property thereon resulting from the conduct of mining operations or the abandonment or neglect of land and property formerly used in the conduct of such operations. 2. The conduct of mining and the handling of refuse and other mining wastes in ways that will reduce adverse effects on the economic, residential, recreational or aesthetic value and utility of land and water. 3. The institution and maintenance of suitable programs of adaptation, restoration, and rehabilitation of mined lands. 4. The prevention, abatement and control of water, air and soil pollution resulting from mining, present, past and future.

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None

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None

**Frequency of Meetings and Location(s)**

Twice yearly - hosted by states in rotation. In April 2003 in New Orleans LA, in November 2003 in Santa Fe, NM.

**Time Expended by Commissioners for Meetings and Preparation Thereof**

Meetings 2 or 4 days (16 to 32 Hours); Travel (8 to 10 Hours each mtg) = 68 Hours each year.

**Requirements for Inclusion of Items on Agenda**

Submission to Executive Director in reasonable time prior to a meeting date.

**Public Comment Opportunities at Meetings**

The public is offered the opportunity to comment during any public meeting of IMCC.

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